

IN THE ABSTRACT

Page 21, lines 2-10 have been amended as follows:

A method for reordering a scan chain ~~so that the~~ meets given constraints ~~are met~~ and ~~[[the]]~~ minimizes peak power dissipation ~~is minimized and disclosed~~. The given constraints include a maximum peak power dissipation, a maximum scan chain length and a maximum distance between two successive registers. The method includes embedding a developed tool ~~can be embedded~~ into ~~[[the]]~~ an existing VLSI design flow for low-power circuit designs. Furthermore, the characteristics ~~[[are]]~~ quickly judge judging if the problem has corresponding feasible solutions and searching the optimal solution. Modified data from the given ~~Given the~~ scan chain declaration data and the scan pattern data, ~~the modified ones~~, which satisfy the constraints, can be obtained.